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C O N F I D E N T I A L TANANARIVE 0112

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TSPA, MA, US

SUBJ: NASA STATION NEGOTIATIONS

REFS: A. TANANARIVE 0085

B. TANANARIVE 0065

1. MINISTER OF TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT ANDRIAMAHAZO TOLD ME RECENTLY HE PLANS LEAVE MADAGASCAR ON BUSINESS IN FEBRUARY, PRESUMABLY FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. SINCE I AM PLANNING TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE TANANARIVE JANUARY 31 THROUGH FEBRUARY 4 AND SINCE HE COULD LEAVE BEFORE MY RETURN, I MAY ATTEMPT CALL ON ANDRIAMAHAZO JANUARY 30 TO SOUND OUT HIS VIEWS ON PROGRESS NASA STATION NEGOTIATIONS FOLLOWING OUR JANUARY 17 OFFER (REFTEL B). INCIDENTALLY, FONMIN RATSIRAKA HAS NOT YET RETURNED FROM ALGIERS, NOR HAS NEXT FORMAL NEGOTIATING SESSION BEEN SCHEDULED BY GOMR.

2. AS POINTED OUT REFTEL A PARA 2, WE ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT APPROXIMATELY 60 PERCENT OF NASA SURPLUS EQUIPMENT, OFFERED OFFICIALLY AS USG SYMBOLIC GESTURE FOR PAST LAND USE, IS APPARENTLY OF LITTLE OR NO INTEREST FOR TECHNICAL REASONS TO GOMR DIRECTORATE OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS. IF ANDRIAMAHAZO BRINGS THIS FACTOR UP WITH ME OR IF IT LATER
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BROUGHT OUT INFORMAL NEGOTIATING SESSION, WE WOULD LIKE TO

SUGGEST THAT NASA MIGHT BE ABLE FIND ALTERNATIVE EQUIPMENT (E.G., ANTENNAE IN 7 MHZ RANGE) OF USE TO P AND T FROM OTHER SOURCES AND OF PERHAPS APPROXIMATELY SAME VALUE, I.E. \$164 THOUSAND. SUCH SUGGESTION MIGHT INTEREST GOMR AND, IF SO, IT MIGHT ALSO SERVE AS USEFUL TOOL FOR STRETCHING OUT NEGOTIATIONS IF WE DETERMINE SUCH DELAY IS ADVANTAGEOUS TO US.

3. I, OF COURSE, WOULD NOT WANT TO MAKE SUCH SUGGESTION UNLESS IT IS ULTIMATELY FEASIBLE. WOULD, THEREFORE, APPRECIATE WASHINGTON'S THINKING BY EMBASSY'S OB JANUARY 30 (300430Z JAN 74) RE POSSIBILITY OF USING OFFER OF OTHER NASA EQUIPMENT.
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